


# **2013 General Assembly Update**

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# Presentation Overview

- No action is being requested of Council.
- Status update on each of Norfolk's 2013 General Assembly Legislative Requests and Legislative Priorities.
- Overview of the legislative time line of activities.
- Recommended "Next Steps."

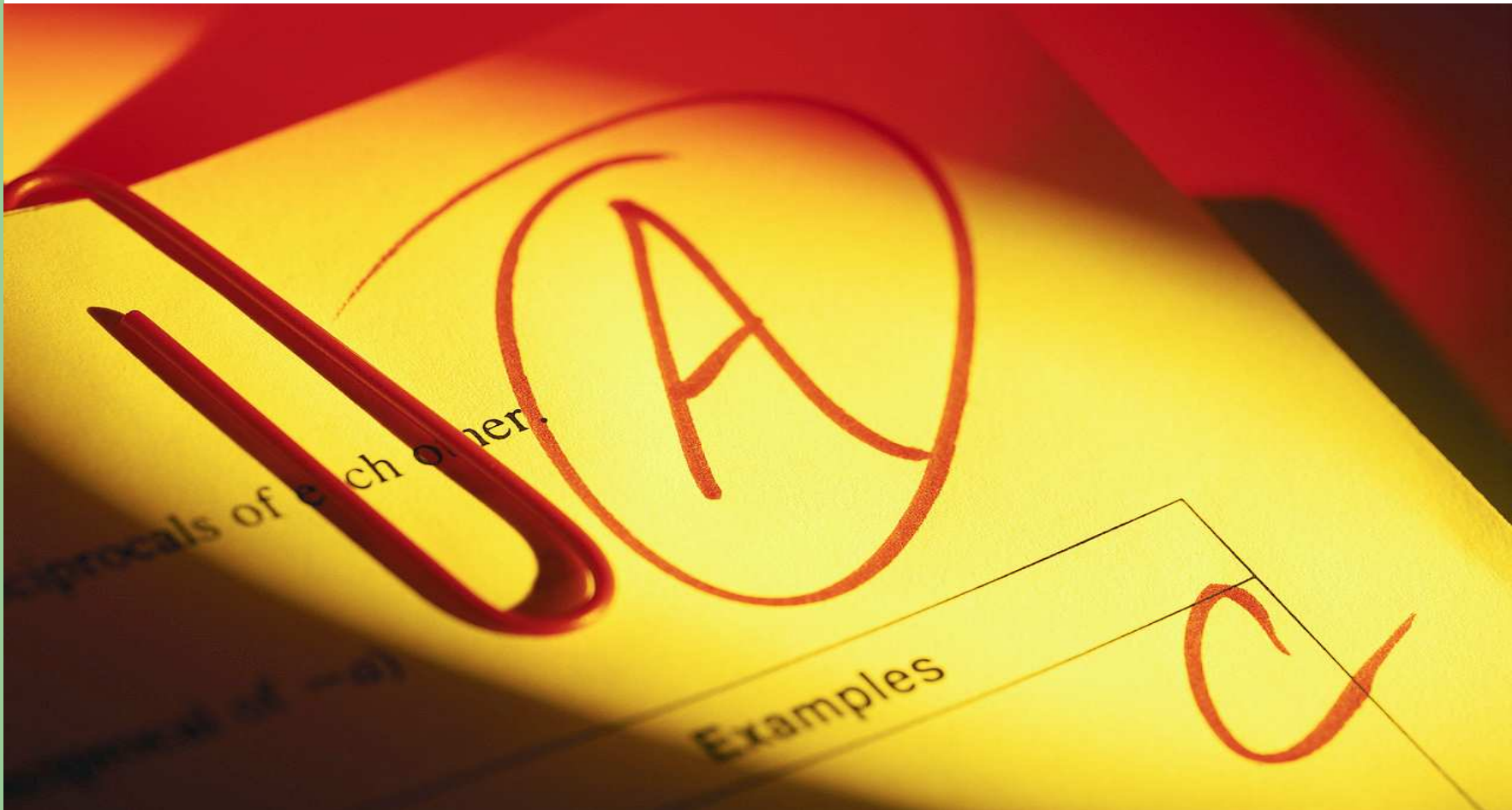
# Norfolk's 2013 General Assembly Legislative Requests

1. Encourage the state to implement the recommendations of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science report to the General Assembly titled "Recurrent Flooding Study (SJR 76, 2012)."
2. Establish a sufficient dedicated funding source for the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund (IPROC).
3. Seek a City Charter amendment to change the mayor election cycle to coincide with superward elections starting 2016.
4. Advance legislation to allow Virginia municipalities and qualified non profits to contract licensed general contractors for eligible public art installation.

# Norfolk's 2013 General Assembly Legislative Priorities

1. Defeat legislative efforts to lift Virginia's current uranium mining moratorium...
2. Support legislative efforts to meaningfully address deficiencies in the 1995 Public Private Partnership Act...
3. Support legislative efforts to meaningfully provide sufficient, consistent, and reliable transportation funding...
4. Oppose legislative efforts to shift K-12 funding responsibility away from the Commonwealth and onto local governments...
5. Support legislative efforts to allow qualifying localities the authority to operate licensed casino gaming operations by local option...

# All 2013 General Assembly Requests and Priorities Were Accomplished or Advanced



# Legislative Timeline of Activities

- The Governor's Office is currently reviewing the General Assembly's passed legislation.
- Reconvened / Veto Session begins April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.
- The Governor has between now and the Reconvened Session to either accept, reject, or suggest amendments for the General Assembly to consider.
- Legislation passed by the General Assembly Session and approved by the Governor become law July 1, 2013 (in most cases).

# Recommended Next Steps

- Continue to monitor legislative developments relating to Norfolk's legislative requests and priorities.
- Where appropriate advance amendment recommendations on General Assembly passed legislation to the Governor prior to the Reconvened Session.
- Continue on-going legislative activities dealing with flood mitigation, PPTA governance, public education, and continue to support casino gaming as a regional study to be considered by the HRTPO Board.